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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the attached complete listing of claims:

1. (original) A method for manufacturing a sight gauge shield, said method comprising:

 mating first and second mold portions about first and second spaced-apart cores to define: (i) a first annular void between said first core and said first and second mold portions; and, (ii) a second annular void between said second core and said first and second mold portions, wherein said first and second mold portions respectively comprise first and second stand-up portions, and wherein said first stand-up portion cooperates with said second mold portion to define a first sidewall void and wherein said second stand-up portion cooperates with said first mold portion to define a second sidewall void;

 molding opposite first and second annular end portions of a gauge shield member by filling said first and second annular voids with a polymeric material; and,

 molding first and second sidewalls of said gauge shield member as a one-piece construction with said first and second annular end portions by filling said first and second sidewall voids with said polymeric material.

2. (original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said first and second cores are cylindrical.

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3. (original) The method as set forth in claim 2, further comprising:

contacting said first core with at least one of said first and second mold portions at a first metal-on-metal contact zone to prevent said polymeric material from flowing into said first metal-on-metal contact zone; and,

contacting said second core with at least one of said first and second mold portions at a second metal-on-metal contact zone to prevent said polymeric material from flowing into said first metal-on-metal contact zone.

4. (original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said first and second sidewall voids comprise respective first and second circular arc segment void portions.

5. (original) The method as set forth in claim 4, wherein:

said first sidewall void is defined at least partially between an arcuate outer surface of said first stand-up portion and an arcuate inner surface of said second mold portion; and,

said second sidewall void is defined at least partially between an arcuate outer surface of said second stand-up portion and an arcuate inner surface of said first mold portion.

6. (original) The method as set forth in claim 5, wherein said arcuate outer surfaces of said first and second stand-up portions and said arcuate inner

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surfaces of said first and second mold portions between which said first and second sidewall voids are each defined as a circular arc segment.

7. (original) The method as set forth in claim 6, wherein said first and second sidewall voids are arranged in opposed facing relation.

8. (original) The method as set forth in claim 7, wherein said first and second sidewall voids are arranged in diametrically opposed facing relation.

9. (original) The method as set forth in claim 8, further comprising:
separating said first and second mold portions; and,
extending at least one ejector pin from said first mold portion to eject said polymeric material from said first mold portion.

10. (original) The method as set forth in claim 9, wherein said at least one ejector pin engages said polymeric material on an inner surface thereof that defines a through bore.

11. (original) A sight gauge shield constructed according to the method of claim 8.

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